

Remarks

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application, claims 25-32 of which stand allowed and claim 6 and 18 of which are objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the interest of facilitating the receipt of the claims indicated to be allowable, applicant submits the following amendments without prejudice to argue the merits of the claims as originally filed.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 1, 4, 5, and 6, that combination having been indicated to be allowable. Similarly, claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 14, 16, 17 and 18, that combination having been indicated to be allowable. Additionally, in light of the Examiner's comments regarding the patentability of the detent, claim 21 has been amended to include the detent as described in claim 6, this amendment being in line with what the Examiner has indicated to be allowable and is therefore submitted that amended claim 21 is in fact allowable as amended.

With these amendments, the claims on file in the application are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance and such allowance is requested.

Inasmuch as applicant intends to file a divisional application to the original claims rejected in this application under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 and 103, applicant respectfully traverses the following rejections. Applicant traverses the rejection of original claims 1-5 and 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent 4,865,517 to Beehler, U.S. Patent 5,474,422 to Sullivan and *Plastics Engineering Third Edition* by R. J. Crawford. Applicant also traverses the rejection of original claims 14-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent 4,865,517 to Beehler and *Plastics Engineering Third Edition* by R. J. Crawford. Applicant traverses the rejection of original claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent 4,865,517 to Beehler and U.S. Patent

5,474,422 to Sullivan. The rejection of original claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) is traversed in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent 4,865,517 to Beehler, U.S. Patent 5,474,422 to Sullivan and Plastics Engineering Third Edition by R. J. Crawford.

With the foregoing remarks and amendments, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is requested. Should the Examiner have any question or comment regarding any of the foregoing or should applicant have failed to fully address an issue, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's representative at the number below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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